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SUBJECT: Serial #: 10/002,986
File Date: 11/30/01
Inventor: Lin, B.J., et al
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Art Unit: 1756
Title: Improvement Of Contact Hole Printing By Packing And Unpacking
Customer Number: 28112

LETTER REGARDING NON-PUBLICATION REQUEST

A non-publication request under 35 USC § 122(b)(2)(B) was originally filed for the subject US Patent Application, on the application filing date 11/30/01. It later came to the undersigned attorney's attention that this non-publication request was

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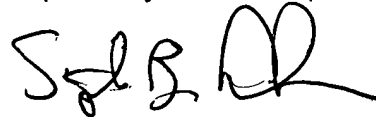
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improper, because the applicant had, without notice to the undersigned, filed a patent application for the same invention in another country have an 18-month publication rule, prior to the US filing date. Thus, the certification in the non-publication request was improper.

A request to rescind the non-publication request was made on December 17, 2002, and the subject application was subsequently published by the US Patent and Trademark Office.

It is requested that should there be any problems with this Amendment, please call the undersigned Attorney at (845) 452-5863.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S B Ackerman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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